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SUBJECT: SWEDISH REACTION TO KISSINGER SPEECH

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SUMMARY: IN CONTINUING COMMENTARY SWEDISH MEDIA TREATS KISSINGER OUTLINE AS ATTEMPT TO SOLVE BASICALLY AMERICAN PROBLEMS, THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS OF WHICH EDITORIAL WRITERS TAKE A GENERALLY SKEPTICAL VIEW. SWEDISH SUPREME COMMANDER TOLD ME THAT HE PERSONALLY IS VERY SATISFIED THAT US WILL MAINTAIN ITS MILITARY POSITION IN EUROPE AND THAT HE INTERPRETED KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS TO INDICATE THE IMPORTANCE OF CSCE- MBFR LINK. DURING A CALL I MADE ON ANOTHER SUBJECT FOREIGN MINISTER WICKMAN AVOIDED SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON KISSINGER SPEECH. END SUMMARY.

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1. MEDIA REACTION TO KISSINGER SPEECH HAS FOLLOWED THE

PATTERN REFLECTED IN THE STOCKHOLM PRESS APRIL 25 ( REF B).  
RADIO AND TV COMMENTATORS HAVE GENERALLY TAKEN THE LINE  
THAT THE KISSINGER INITIATIVE IS RESULT OF CONCERN WITH  
AMERICAN PROBLEMS -- MONETARY, TRADE, ENERGY-- AND IS AN  
INVITATION TO EUROPE TO HELP SOLVE THESE " SELF- INFLICTED"  
PROBLEMS. SOME COMMENTATORS SAW THE KISSINGER SKETCH  
AS AN EFFORT BY US TO REGAIN INFLUENCE AND STANDING  
BOTH OF WHICH WERE DAMAGED DUE TO " DISASTERS" IN SOUTH-  
EAST ASIA.

2. LIBERAL UPSALA NYA TIDNING COMMENTED ON APRIL 25 THAT  
DOMESTIC CONCERNS FORM BACKGROUND OF KISSINGER STATEMENT  
AND CONCLUDES THAT A GOLOBAL ALLIANCE NATURALLY LOOKS  
TEMPTING TO US BUT THE QUESTION IS WHETHER WESTERN EUROPE,  
JAPAN AND CANADA SHARE THIS ENTHUSIASM.

3. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ARBETET IN APRIL 25 EDITORIAL  
RELATED KISSINGER PLAN TO HARMEL REPORT OF 1967 WITH  
ITS EMPHASIS ON ATTEMPTING TO HARMONIZE MILITARY SECURITY  
ARRANGEMENTS AND RELAXATION OF TENSIONS. ARBETET SAYS  
THERE IS NOT REASON TO THINK THAT THE AMERICAN " VIETNAM-  
IZATION " WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A " EUROPEANIZATION," SINCE  
THE US HAS TOO MUCH AT STAKE IN EUROPE TO DARE ISOLATE  
ITSELF. IF JAPAN IS INCLUDED IN THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY  
IT WOULD BECOME AN ENORMOUS CONCENTRATION OF ECONOMIC,  
MILITARY AND POLITICAL POWER. IF THIS HAPPENED, ARBETET  
SAYS, IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT THE RESULT WOULD BE A  
FURTHER POLIZATION OF THE ANTAGONISMS IN THE WORLD.

4. DURING MAY APRIL 27 CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER WICKMAN  
( SEPTELS) HE AVOIDED SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON KISSINGER  
AP SPEECH. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN " QUITE SUPRISED" BY  
FLAT DENUNCIATION OF KISSINGER SPEECH BY HERBERT WEHNER,  
GERMAN SPD POLITICAN, WHO HAD BRUSHED IT OFF IN A MEET-  
ING WITH SOME RIKSDAG MEMBERS IN SAME TERMS AS HE USED  
IN PRESS INTERVIEW ( REF C). WICKMAN SAID HE DID NOT  
HAVE A CHANCE TO QUERY WEHNER MORE CLOSELY ON HIS VIEWS  
BUT HE HAD NOT EXPECTED SO DEFINITIVE A VIEW. HE SAID  
WEHNER PREDICTED THAT EUROPEAN LEADERS WOULD IGNORE THE  
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SPEECH. I SAID I DID NOT KNOW HOW WILL INFORMED WEHNER  
FELT HE WAS, BUT IT SEEMED TO ME THAT HE WAS WELL OUT OF  
STEP WITH ERUOPEAN LEADERS, INCLUDING HIS OWN PARTY  
LEADER BRANDT. I SAID I UNDERSTOOD THAT KISSINGER AND  
OTHER US OFFICIALS HAD DISCUSSED THE PRINCIPAL IDEAS IN THE  
THE SPEECH WITH ANDREOTTI, AND I WAS SURE HEATH WAS NOT  
TAKEN UNAWARES. I SAID BRANDT AND POMPIDOU WILL BE DIS-  
CUSSING THE US INITIATIVE WITH PRESIDENT IN NEXT FEW  
WEEKS. ALLUDING TO A DAGENS NYHETER EDITORIAL DISMISSING

THE KISSINGER SPEECH AS AN ATTEMPT TO UNLOAD US PROBLEMS  
ON EUROPE ( REF B), I SAID I HOPED GOS WOULD GIVE IT A  
MORE THOUGHTFUL READING, SINCE IT SIGNALLED A MAJOR US  
FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE. WICKMAN SAID IN REPLY ONLY  
THAT HE THOUGHT THE DN EDITORIAL WAS A BIT " ONE" SIDED."  
HE ASKED NO QUESTIONS ABOUT DETAILS OF THE KISSINGER  
SPEECH OR HOW IT WAS TO BE FOLLOWED ON.

5. DURING APRIL 25 CONVERSTATION SWEDISH SUPREME COMMANDER,  
GENERAL SYNNERGREN TOLD ME WAS PERSONALLY " VERY  
SATISFIED" TO SEE THE FLAT ASSERTION THAT US WILL MAIN-  
TAIN ITS MILITARY POSITION IN EUROPE, AS EXPRESSED IN  
KISSINGER SPEECH AND IN ROGERS SPEECH. " FROM OUR POINT  
OF VIEW WE CAN BE CONFIDENT FOR A FEW YEARS AT LEAST  
THAT OUR NATIONAL SECURITY SITUATION IS ADEQUATE," HE  
SAID. SYNNERGREN SAID THAT SWEDEN' S SECURITY IS BASED  
ON A ROUGH POWER BALANCE IN EUROPE. HE HOPED AND EXPECTED  
DETENTE WOULD GO FORWARD, BUT HE WAS CONCERNED THAT CSCE  
AND MBRF BE LINKED IN SOME WAY. HE INTERPRETED KISSINGER' S  
STATEMENTS AS INDICATING THAT US WAS NOT ONLY AWARE OF  
THE NEED TO LINK BUT, MOST IMPORTANT, THAT IT WAS DETER-  
MINED TO SEE THAT IT WAS SO. ( SYNNERGREN' S REMARKS SHOULD  
BE TREATED AS NOFORN AND SENSITIVE, SINCE HE EMPHASIZED  
HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY AND THAT, IF HE WERE SPEAKING  
OFFICIALLY FOR HIS GOVERNMENT, HE WOULD HAVE TO PUT THINGS  
" A BIT DIFFERENTLY.")  
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